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Brian Bozzo Compliance Manager Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re:

Docket No. T-00000A-05-0380

Decision No. 67941

Dear Mr. Bozzo:

Qwest hereby files the attached report in compliance with the above referenced decision. This report provides information on Qwest's outreach programs related to the Lifeline program and the associated impact on subscribership levels.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this information.

Sincerely,

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### Qwest Corporation Lifeline Outreach Report Docket No. T-00000A-05-0380 June 21, 2006

During the past year, Qwest has provided information on the FCC's Lifeline Program, including the new FCC guidelines for participation in the program, using a variety of channels. Attachments A through H, which are briefly described below, provide examples of Qwest's outreach efforts.

Attachment A	Information included in the Call Guide Pages of the DEX Directory. This information is also available online at
	www.dexpages.com.
Attachment B	Copy of a bill insert that was included in customers' April 2006 bills.
Attachment C	
Allachment	A bi-lingual flier distributed at the Arizona State Fair in October of
	2005, and at Qwest kiosks in Food City and Ranch Market Stores.
Attachment D	A brochure entitled "Qwest Disability Solutions" distributed
	through Qwest retail kiosks in various malls.
Attachment E	Quarterly radio ads that began airing in Phoenix and Tucson in
	March 2006 and will continue through December 3, 2006.
Attachement F	Bus signs displayed on Phoenix buses throughout 2006. A total
	of 80 signs are scheduled to be displayed on buses in March,
	May, August, and November of 2006.
Attachment G	Lifeline information available on line at
	http://www.gwest.com/TAP.
Attachment H	Sample of posters that were distributed at the 2006 Arizona
	Community Action Association annual training conference on
	May 10-12, 2006.

Impact on Lifeline subscriber levels. During the past 12 months, Qwest has experienced a 25% increase in the number of Lifeline customers. In June of 2005, Qwest had 5,480 Lifeline customers. This number grew to 6,876 by May of 2006 – an increase of 1,396 subscribers. Although the degree of correlation between Qwest's outreach efforts and the number of new Lifeline subscribers cannot be measured precisely, it is clear that subscribership has increased substantially either as a result of Qwest's outreach, or due to the new eligibility criteria, or more likely because of a combination of both of these factors.

### **Consumer Tips**

### Telephone Assistance Programs

The Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) provides reduced phone bills for qualified low-income residence customers.

The Link-Up program provides financial help with telephone service connection charges for qualified low-income residence customers.

If you live on Tribal Lands and participate in a qualifying low-income program, you could receive additional benefits

Call your local telephone company for more information about Telephone Assistance Programs.

You may also contact www.lifelinesupport.org for more information.

### **Billing Name & Address Disclosure**

When you place a calling card call or accept a collect call or thirdnumber billed call, your telephone company is required to provide your billing name and address to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if that provider requests. Your telephone company will continue to provide billing name and address information to telecommunications service providers for other account matters, such as customer service, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

### **Obscene or Harassing Phone Calls**

Stay calm and hang up the phone. Call your local telephone company for information on how to handle these types of phone calls.

It's against the law to make obscene or threatening phone calls. Telephone harassment is a crime. Penalties include imprisonment and/or a fine.

### Unwanted Sales & Survey Calls

If you receive unwanted sales and/or survey calls, please take the

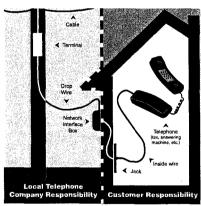
- Be skeptical of offers that sound too good to be true; they usually are.
- Report companies using questionable sales practices to the Better Business Bureau or your State Attorney General's office.

  Disconnect computer-generated calls by hanging up your
- telephone for 12 to 15 seconds.
- · Call your local telephone company to have your name removed at no charge -from any lists that they may lease to other firms. Customers with non-listed or non-published numbers are never
- Do not give your telephone credit card number to anyone who calls and asks for the number

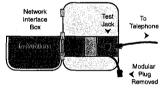
### **Repair Service**

### **Before You Call**

- 1 Hang up all telephones. Make sure phone accessories ~ answering or fax machines, computers, modems, security system, and telephone sets – are working. To check, unplug the phone cord from the unit or the jack and check for damage. Leave everything unplugged for 5 minutes. Then try plugging in phone sets one at a time to see if the trouble still exists.
- If all the phone accessories are working, go to your network interface box. (Outside, where the phone line enters the house.)



3 . Test to determine if the problem is inside or outside the house:



- 1. Take a working phone to the network interface box (single line
- 2. Remove the modular plug from the test jack and insert the modular plug from your phone.

### If the same problem occurs:

the problem may be in the phone lines. Call your local telephone company. If the problem is in the lines, they will repair the lines at no charge to you.

### If the problem does not occur:

the problem is in your wiring. Call your local telephone company or another company to repair your inside wiring.

### If the problem is in your telephone set:

follow the instructions on your warranty or contact your equipment retailer for repair or replacement.

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### Attachment B

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Telephone Assistance Available For Those That Qualify**

Telephone service is vital for connecting people with family, friends, businesses and emergency services. That's why Qwest® offers assistance programs that make telephone service more affordable for eligible customers.

**Lifeline** provides eligible customers with a **monthly credit** to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. (Telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for assistance.)

**Link-Up** provides eligible customers with a **one-time credit** to help offset the installation charge for a home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance automatically receive the Link-Up credit if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days of their home phone installation date and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at the same address.

### Who is Eligible?

Customers are generally eligible for these telephone assistance programs if they already participate in low-income programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, or the National School Lunch Program. In some states, individuals will also qualify if their household income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines.

To learn more about the eligibility requirements in your state and how to apply for telephone assistance, visit www.qwest.com/TAP or call Qwest at 1 800-244-1111.

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# Qwest has telephone assistance programs to help make your home phone service more affordable.



You can apply for telephone assistance if you participate in a qualifying low-income program, such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, etc. The name on the phone bill must match the name of the person participating in the qualifying low-income program.

reduces the monthly cost of your home phone line. The amount of the credit will vary depending on the state you live in.

to as little as \$1 per month (plus applicable taxes and surcharges) for qualifying individuals who live on a reservation.

assistance reduces the cost of installing your main phone line by 50% and provides a delayed payment plan for additional installation charges. Link-Up benefits are only available on one phone line per household, and Link-Up credits cannot be applied towards the cost of jacks and wiring.

To learn more about Telephone Assistance Programs and alegability in your state, contact

1800-244-1111 qwest.com/tap.

Service not available in all areas. Long distance not included.

Optional features available at regular price. Contact Owest for details.

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# Qwest tiene programas telefónicos de asistencia para ayudar a lograr que su teléfono residencial sea más accesible.



Usted puede solicitar asistencia para su télefono si está participando en un programa de bajos recursos como las Estampillas para Alimentos, Medicaid, etc. El nombre de la factura telefónica debe ser el mismo de la persona participante en el programa de bajos recursos.

de su línea telefónica residencial. La cantidad del crédito varía dependiendo del estado en el que usted viva.

el costo de una línea telefónica residencial hasta a \$1 al mes (más impuestos y sobrecargos aplicables) para personas que califiquen y que vivan en una reserva.

telefónica principal y ofrece un plan para retrasar el pago por los cargos adicionales de instalación. Los beneficios de Link-Up están disponibles únicamente para una sola línea telefónica por hogar, y los créditos para Link-Up no pueden ser aplicados al costo de los enchufes y el cableado.

Para más información acerca de los Programas Telefonicas de Asistencia, y seber si ustad es

1800-564-1121 (sólo en inglés).

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### hearing-impaired customers. Qwest delivers to blind, vision-impaired and

# No Charge for Directory Assistance and Operator Handling

Directory Assistance charges on their residential and business lines. and who cannot use a directory — are eligible for exemption from Qwest customers who are blind or vision- or mobility-impaired —

We provide your bill in a variety of formats to meet

- your specific needs Braille
- Large font Audio tape
- E-mail (compatible with screen readers)

Contact the Owest Center for Customers with Disabilities to arrange to receive your bill in your preferred format

### Telephone Equipment

Qwest offers a 2.4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Multi-Handset 4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Handsets are available for Phone System, Includes handset speakerphone, Additional use with base system at an additional charge.

HIGH:SPEED INTERNET DIGITAL TV LOCAL LONG DISTANCE WIRELESS With Wireless service, Voice Mail service and

more, Qwest\* keeps your needs in mind.

One Voice mailbox for all the users Compatibility with Teletypewriter (TTY)\* Qwest Voice Mail

of one phone line

Works with your TTY to inform callers of your new number

New Number Referral

 Reduced Long-Distance Charges with TTY Use Keep connected at reduced rates

Exemption For residential and individual

business lines And More!

Directory Assistance

A format to fit your needs, including Braille

Bill Format Options

- TTY Directory Listing for Owest Customers No additional charge
- Wireless Handsets and

Relay Service (TRS) - Telephone Equipment

Telecommunications

Makes wireless work for you

allows a person to plug a regular telephone into a small keyboard that has a visual terminal. When one TTY user calls another, they can communicate by typing what they want to say to one another. Users can choose to print out the message or read it on a screen. "A Teletypewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD)

# Telephone Assistance Programs

designed to reduce the cost of telephone service for qualifying assistance from programs such as Food Stamps and Medicaid Qwest supports the following Telephone Assistance Programs low-income customers who currently receive government

Lifeline Service reduces the monthly cost of your residential phone line. The amount of the credit will vary depending on your state

name on the phone bill must match the name of the person who is eligible fribal Lifeline Service reduces the cost of a residential phone line to as telephone service must be provided at your primary residence, and the ittite as \$1 per month (plus applicable taxes and surcharges) for qualitying customers who live on Tribal Lands. For both of these programs, the for the program.

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To learn more about Telephone Assistance Programs and eligibility in your state, contact the Center for Customers with Disabilities or visit www.lifelinesupport.org.

# **Qwest Disabilities Solutions**

OWEST DISABILITIES SOLUTIONS

Attachment D

This brochure is available in alternate formats (Braille, large font, e-mail and audiotape). Please contact Owest to request your preferred format.

Customers with Disabilities today, Contact a disabilities consultant at the Owest Center for

Communication.

Convenience.

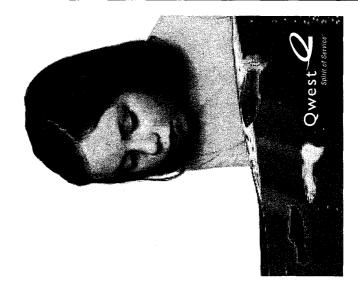
### Let's Talk Connection

8:00a.m.-5:30p.m. Mountain Time, Monday-Friday 1 800-223-3131 (Voice/TTY)

Visit any Owest store

Disabilities Solutions from Qwest\*

Connection.



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### **Qwest** makes it easy.

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATES** SOLUTIONS ARE BUILT **QWEST DISABILITIES CONNECTIONS WITH** AND THE REST OF FRIENDS, FAMILY, TO BOOST YOUR YOUR WORLD.



# Qwest delivers to deaf and hard-of-hearing customers.

### The Convenience of One Voice Mailbox

voice messages from any touch-tone TTY. For detailed instructions, visit they've enjoyed in the past. Teletypewriter (TTY) users can retrieve their members will experience the same great Owest Voice Mail Service Now hearing, deaf and hard-of-hearing members of a household can retrieve all their messages from one Voice mailbox. Hearing www.qwest.com/residential/disabled/voicemessage\_tty.html or call the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities

# Reduced Long-Distance Charges With Teletypewriter Use

qualify for a reduced charge on your long-distance communications. To get more information or to learn if you qualify, contact a disabilities As a Owest customer who relies on a Teletypewriter (TTY), you may consultant at the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities

## Directory Listing at No Additional Charge

felecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or Telecommunications Let callers know how to contact you. List your Teletypewriter (TTY), Relay Service information at no additional charge. Choose one of

these phrases for your directory listing:

- TTY only TDD only
- TTY and Voice
- TDD and Voice
- TDD Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service TTY Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service

Voice callers using Telecommunications Relay Service: Please call the Center for Customers with Disabilities to choose your phrase and add t to your directory listing

# Hearing Aid Compatible Wireless Phones

Owest offers you wireless handsets that meet the new FCC Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements for radio frequency interference.

We also offer the T-Loop Coil accessory for Owest Wireless® service customers with hearing aids or cochlear implants. For more information, ask Owest Retail personnel

### Let Callers Know Your New Number

(TTY)-compatible service that ensures other TTY users calling your old, disconnected number will receive your new number message New number referral intercept is an optional Teletypewriter in Baudot tones.

### hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired customers Additional non-Qwest service for deaf,

### **Felecommunications Relay Service**

our call and relay the telephone conversation between you and the party disabilities with others using standard telephone equipment or telephone that connects individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or have speech service, dial the toll-free numbers listed in your directory, or simply dial nake. Long-distance calls placed for you can be billed collect, charged Either party can call the Telecommunications Relay Service provider to year. There are no restrictions on the number or length of calls you can you are calling. All call information and conversations are confidential. 7-1-1. A specially trained Communications Assistant (CA) will answer Telecommunications Relay Service is a free communications service equipment designed for individuals with disabilities. To use the Relay set up the call. Relay Service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a Service (TRS), which means you can communicate with everyone. Dwest" connects you with the public Telecommunications Relay to a pre-paid calling card or charged through third-party billing

### Making a call is simple:

- Dial 711 or the TRS toll-free number listed in your telephone directory You'll be connected with a communications assistant (they're trained
- Give the communications assistant the number you would like to call to help your conversation flow easily and accurately)
  - The agent will stay on the line
    - All calls are confidential

conversation while listening to the voice of the other party; Spanish Relay IRS providers offer Captioned Telephone and Hearing-Carry-Over (HCO), to-Speech (STS), for individuals with speech difficulties to converse with hearing on the phone to voice their conversations directly to the hearing the help of a specially trained CA; Text Telephone (TTY) relay; Computer ASCII) relay; and Voice-Carry-Over (VCO), for people who have difficulty for Spanish speaking hearing- or speech-disabled individuals; Speechfor people with hearing loss to receive word-for-word captions of the person and receive the other party's conversation as text.

ability to communicate via video conferencing using their native language For more information, visit the Sprint VRS Web site: www.sprintvrs.com. Video Relay Service provides American Sign Language users with the



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Initials/ Date: CW DeAnna CD/ACD PRFRD AE: Julie

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Hi, I'm (woman) from Qwest. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may qualify for assistance with your home telephone bill. Qualifying low-income households can receive a discount on the installation of a home telephone line and their monthly phone bills. Everyone needs a little help now and then, and at Qwest we're pleased to offer assistance to those in need. Because home phone service is more than a convenience – it can be a lifeline in the event of an emergency. Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 to see if you qualify for low-income assistance with your telephone bill. That's 1 888-353-4816.

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Is home phone service a convenience that's just out of reach? The truth is, your family shouldn't ever be without it – because local phone service is more than just a convenience, it can be a lifeline, connecting you to emergency services and responders. I'm (woman) from Qwest, and we're pleased to offer low-income telephone assistance programs for those who qualify. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may also qualify for assistance with home phone installation and your monthly phone bills. Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 today to see if you qualify for a telephone assistance program from Qwest. That's 1 888-353-4816.

# can be a for everyone. Service

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You may qualify for telephone assistance funding available to low-income households.

888-353-4816

Para información en español, llame a El Centro de Qwest" al 1 888-285-6841.

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### LIFELINE & LINK-UP TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR OWEST CUSTOMERS IN ARIZONA

In order to make telephone service more affordable for low-income households, Qwest supports the federal government's Lifeline and the Link-Up telephone assistance programs. The Arizona Department of Economic Security — Community Services Administration (DES-CSA) administers these programs for Qwest.

### WHAT DO THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE?

- **LIFELINE** provides eligible customers with a **monthly credit** of \$8.05 to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. The telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for telephone assistance. (The credit cannot be applied to Qwest wireless service.) If you currently receive a discount from the Senior Telephone Discount Program (STDP) or the Medically Needy Telephone Assistance Program, you are not eligible to apply for Lifeline.
- **LINK-UP** provides eligible customers with a **one-time credit** of \$13.75 to help offset the installation charge associated with their home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance will also be given the Link-Up credit, if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days following the installation of their phone service and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at this address.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE?

Customers qualify for telephone assistance when they participate in one of the following low-income programs:

- AHCCCS (Medicaid)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, received within the last year
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)
- State Children's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP) or KidsCare

Customers may also qualify for telephone assistance if their household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see application form for details).

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

If you currently have phone service with Qwest, simply fill out the following application form and mail it to DES-CSA at the address shown on the bottom of the application. If you are determined eligible by DES, the Lifeline credits will appear on your phone bill in approximately 60 days.

If you do not currently have phone service with Qwest, please call Qwest Customer Service at 1 800-244-1111 to place an order for service BEFORE sending in your completed application.

Customers applying for Lifeline based on the size and income level of their household must provide a copy of one of the following:

- · Last year's Federal or State Income Tax Return
- Current Income Statement or Paycheck Stubs for three consecutive months
- Social Security Statement of Benefits
- Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
- Unemployment or Worker's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- Letter of Participation in Federal or BIA General Assistance
- Divorce Decree
- Child Support Documentation

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please call DES-CSA at 602 542-6600 or 1-800-582-5706.

### **LIFELINE & LINK-UP APPLICATION FOR ARIZONA**

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il completed form and supporting documentation to: Arizona Department of Economic Security-CSA
Lifeline Telephone Discount Program - 086Z
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Para información en español, llame a El Centro de Qwest™ al 1888-285-6841.

